

## TOM KAISERSKI

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Mr. Kaiserski is the Program Manager for the Energy Promotion and Development Division (EPD) in the Montana Department of Commerce. The Division was funded by HB 2 in May of 2007 and EPD is hard at work developing Montana's vast energy resources. EPD's focus at this time is developing electricity transmission projects that can access Montana energy resource areas and move power to load centers in the West.

Prior to taking this new position, Mr. Kaiserski worked as a Senior Economic Development Specialist with Governor Schweitzer's Office of Economic Development where he concentrated on energy development. Mr. Kaiserski has traveled around the region presenting information on energy policy which promotes developing of all of Montana's energy opportunities. This includes emphasis on developing wind, bio-fuels, coal, oil and gas energy sources that eastern Montana has in abundant supply which is one of the keys to national energy independence and revitalizing the economy of eastern Montana.

Mr. Kaiserski grew up in Los Angeles and has a bachelor's degree in earth science from Montana State University in Bozeman. Prior to coming on board with Governor Schweitzer's office in January 2005 he worked for 7 years as the Economic Development Coordinator for the Beartooth RC&D, a regional economic and community development organization that serves a five county region around Billings, Montana. Mr. Kaiserski also worked as a community planner in Montana for over 10 years. Mr. Kaiserski is married to wife Teresa and has four children ranging in ages from 10 to 20.

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